

REMARKS

This Amendment responds to the Office Action dated February 8, 2005 in which the Examiner rejected claims 6, 7, 9, 14 and 15 under 35 U.S.C. §103, objected to claims 8 and 16 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form and stated that claims 1-5, 10-13 and 17-20 are allowed.

As indicated above, objected to claim 8 has been incorporated into claim 6 and objected to claim 16 has been incorporated into claim 14. Therefore, applicant respectfully requests the Examiner withdraws the rejection to claims 6, 7, 9, 14 and 15 under 35 U.S.C. §103.

Thus it now appears that the application is in condition for reconsideration and allowance. Reconsideration and allowance at an early date are respectfully requested. Should the Examiner find that the application is not now in condition for allowance, applicant respectfully requests the Examiner enter this Amendment for purposes of appeal.

If for any reason the Examiner feels that the application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact, by telephone, the applicant's undersigned attorney at the indicated telephone number to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

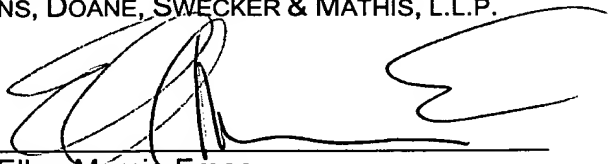
In the event that this paper is not timely filed within the currently set shortened statutory period, applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such extension of time may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

In the event that any additional fees are due with this paper, please charge
our Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

Respectfully submitted,

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